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SUBJ: CANCELLATION OF UNION OIL PACT

1. GHANAIAN NEWSPAPERS TODAY CARRIED ARTICLE "DAHOMY CANCELS
U.S. OIL PACT" SAYING COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ISSUED COMMUNIQUE
TUESDAY ALLEGING UNION OIL "HAS USED ALL ARGUMENTS AND SUBTER-
FUGES SO AS NOT TO GO ON TO THE EXPLOITATION PHASE."

2. STORY CONTINUES: "THE AMERICAN FIRM WAS AIMING TO 'FREEZE
THIS RESOURCES WHOSE EXPLOITATION IS BADLY NEEDED,' THE COM-
MUNIQUE SAID." IT ADDED THAT UNION OIL HAD FIRST "WANTED TO
PULL OUT" BECAUSE EXPLORATION NOT ECONOMICALLY VIABLE IN
DAHOMY, THEN RECENTLY, WITH RISING OIL PRICES, ASKED TO COME
BACK IN AND BIND GOD NEVER TO MODIFY 1964 CONVENTION WITHOUT
UNION'S ASSENT.

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3. ACCOMPANYING EDITORIAL QUOTES ABOVE PASSAGES OF COMMUNIQUE,

ADDING THAT THIS IS EXAMPLE "OF THE SORT OF CONSPIRACY BEING CARRIED OUT AGAINST THE POOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES BY THE DEVELOPED IN A SO-CALLED INTER-DEPENDENT WORLD."

4. EDIT SAYS DAHOMEY EXPERIENCE SHOULD BE "EYE OPENER" FOR GHANA TO "THE AMOUNT OF CHEATING AND CAJOLING CARRIED OUT BY THE WESTERN WORLD AGAINST POORER NATIONS."

5. ADVISE WHAT RESPONSE (IF ANY) HAS BEEN MADE PUBLICLY BY UNION OIL OR USG, SINCE WE INTERESTED IN POSSIBLY RESPONDING TO GHANAIAN ANTI-US ATTACKS. IF AVAILABLE, ADVISE AMOUNT INVESTED BY UNION OIL IN EXPLORATION IN DAHOMEY SINCE 1964 PACT.

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